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DADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2011

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2 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I appreciate.
3 Everybody staying for our regular meeting. Hope you
4 enjoyed the parade, if you got to see it. It may
5 still be going on.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We had some guy
7 backing up there with a 53 foot trailer that wasn't
8 enjoying it too much.

9 MR. RUMLEY: This is a regular
10 scheduled meeting of the Dade County Commission
11 which takes place at the same time on the first
12 Thursday of every month. Proper notice of this
13 meeting was given to our legal organ of the Dade
14 County Sentinel and has been posted in the hallway
15 of the Administrative Building. At this time I do
16 need a roll call. Mr. Smith?

17 MR. SMITH: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

19 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

23 MR. GOFF: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present.
25 Robert, if you would, I'd like to ask you to please

1 say the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the
2 flag. Everyone stand, please.

3 (Whereupon, the invocation and the Pledge of
4 Allegiance was given.)

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert.

6 Okay. Let's move now to the district commissioner's
7 reports, committee reports. Mitchell, you want to
8 start on your end there?

9 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir. I said earlier
10 we received bids for the (inaudible) service this
11 past Monday. We'll be taking a look at it. We have
12 costs, a spreadsheet of what people's quoted on the
13 RF bids. They quoted what we asked for. There's
14 some additional information we'll be looking at to
15 make the decision of who, what will best serve the
16 residents of the county, the citizens of the county.
17 And it's -- the cost all the time is not necessarily
18 what's involved as far as pricing. There's some
19 other things sometimes that will fall in there also.
20 And we have a committee. Those willing to serve on
21 the committee to take a look at the whole process
22 and come back with one or two to look at those and
23 then come back and recommend one provider, those on
24 the committee is Ted Rumley, Alex Case, Sheriff
25 Cannon, Tommy Lawson and myself. We'll start

1 meeting just as quickly as we can to get the process
2 rolling and to keep it rolling. That's all I have.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

4 MR. PITTMAN: Well, I went to the
5 transfer station earlier this week and I was
6 surprised at how clean it is. The big mound of
7 limbs are all burnt down and cleaned up. Billy and
8 his crew, they've all done a good job at the
9 transfer station. It's been a rough five, six
10 months now, but everybody's worked together and got
11 that done. Also, Friday night, tomorrow night will
12 be our Dade County homecoming game. Everybody
13 should get out and attend the homecoming game if
14 there's any way possible. I'd like to recognize
15 Molly Rogers, Robin's daughter. She is on the
16 homecoming court. She's a senior representative.
17 Good luck to Molly. Hope she does good tomorrow
18 night. That's all I've got.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Mr. Goff?

20 MR. GOFF: Well, we attended some
21 more meetings in Atlanta. I think somebody
22 mentioned earlier we'd been this week. And one
23 thing that I was kind of reminded of in one of the
24 meetings I went in and it had to deal with something
25 we've talked about before, and we'll see a lot more

1 in the next year, and that is the narrow banding.
2 As I said last month, I don't know anything about
3 narrow banding or broad banding. But, again, not
4 only to Alex and the work that he's done to get us,
5 I think, so far ahead of the game -- because sitting
6 and listening to a lot of those commissioners and
7 watching their jaws drop at what's going to hit them
8 as this thing comes more in place in the next year
9 and then ultimately over the next few years -- but
10 also, another thing that I was in down there and it
11 was dealing with people behind the scenes. You
12 know, a lot of times we'll see Billy Massengale, who
13 happens to not be here tonight, and we'll thank him
14 for a great job or Alex, but sometimes we forget to
15 say thank you to all those people that are behind
16 them. The people that set in here -- to be honest
17 with you, I don't know how they do it, Alex, in that
18 room, no windows, and just sit there and wait until
19 something bad happens to be there. But we base much
20 that they're going to be there and they're going to
21 take care of it. So I am so thankful for these
22 people and I just want them to know that they don't
23 go unnoticed. I guess we just don't tell them
24 enough.

25 I had a compliment the other day on this

1 commission. Someone that wanted to thank us for the
2 fellow sitting back here, Mr. Rich, for allowing him
3 to work with the 4-H and to continue that because
4 almost every time you look in the paper you're
5 seeing where somebody has excelled in that -- in the
6 4-H Club, in their livestock and the things that
7 they do. And a lot of these kids are not going to
8 be on the football field tomorrow night or a
9 basketball court this fall. They're not athletes.
10 But I told a lot of people if it wasn't for our
11 cattle farmers, we couldn't kick a football because
12 somebody had to raise that football up because
13 that's his hide we're kicking around out there. And
14 when I sit down to eat as I get older, I'm going to
15 thank that person raising that produce a whole more
16 than I am who played ball. Even though I do enjoy
17 that.

18 The last thing I want to say tonight, I'm
19 asked a lot of times -- as Scottie said, in a few
20 days we'll be six months removed from April 27th.
21 And I get asked a lot of times what's going to
22 happen here and there. Trenton wasn't the only
23 place we know hit with the tornadoes. But a lot of
24 damage did come through in the county part, just
25 outside the city limits and also here in the city

1 limits and personally I was hit. If you go look at
2 where I live to today, we're the -- I say we're the
3 only one left standing. And that is the true fact.
4 The Lord blessed us that way and I give him all the
5 credit. But I get asked about, well, what are they
6 going to do with this. And the answer is, I really
7 don't know what's going to happen to some of the few
8 houses that are still standing but beyond repair.
9 But I would, I guess, make more of a plea to people
10 who have a lot anywhere, whether it's in the city or
11 in the county. There are people still living there
12 and if you could get time to go back and mow the
13 grass and clean up, it just makes it a little more
14 palatable, I guess, to be able to go there and
15 instead of looking at a lot of debris that's still
16 there. We did -- the county did a great job as well
17 as Daniels Tree Service and FEMA to get this thing
18 cleaned up in a record time to get us back to where
19 we are. But I'd just ask people to do -- and that's
20 all I can tell anybody that asks me what's going to
21 happen to the, usually I say the mess, that's left
22 there. And that's all I can ask people. You know,
23 a lot of us, we came down the road and we said why
24 don't DOT, GDOT, mow our roads, mow the interstate,
25 mow the state highways and a lot of people are

1 feeling that same way now with the lots that are
2 empty around them. So I would just make an appeal
3 to the citizens to, you know, go back to your lots
4 and do as much as you can to get life back -- if
5 you're not going to be or not able to right now,
6 because there are people still living there that
7 wants to know what's going to happen and that's the
8 best I can do. So thank you.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. Mr.
10 Cervelli?

11 MR. CERVELLI: Well, I'll try to be
12 relatively brief. We spent a lot of time talking in
13 the work session. We did talk about sales tax or
14 the loss of income for September was 179,673. And
15 that was more than last in the same month. And we
16 collected about \$1.4 million this calendar year, not
17 fiscal year. It's about four and a half percent
18 over last calendar year. So sales tax trend is
19 holding in terms of improving. I think we're all
20 cautious wondering why that's happening. But it's
21 (inaudible). It's held for several months now and I
22 hope it continues because that money goes directly
23 into the general fund and helps offset our expenses.
24 On the SPLOST side similarly we've collected
25 \$224,591. We reduced all our SPLOST expectations by

1 185,000 because the sales tax had tanked. But now
2 that we have a very conservative SPLOST budget, we
3 are able to set some money aside for projects that
4 we didn't expect to have. And so as long as it
5 continues, then obviously, request to use it and we
6 will. So if you're out shopping and causing that to
7 happen, keep shopping. It really makes a
8 difference.

9 I'm not going to spend a lot of time on
10 the budget in terms of the closing of the last
11 fiscal year. Don will review that with you. I
12 think the remarkable thing is that given all the
13 expense and revenue that's come in, we ended the
14 last fiscal year on a positive note of about a
15 quarter of a million dollars. That's better than
16 negative. That's pretty much a timing issue. It
17 just depends on when we deposited the check and when
18 the expenses hit us. Better to be a quarter of a
19 million dollars ahead than behind. So that's great.

20 I want to spend a little time praising
21 everybody in the county for the work that was done
22 on the fiscal year budget. We've taken a real hard
23 (inaudible) at that and there's \$737,000 improvement
24 in the budget over where we started is significant.
25 It's significant in terms of the impact on salaries

1 of individuals that have been furloughed and people
2 not being hired and some deferring of expenses. But
3 it's really a remarkable job by everybody. It
4 really exceeded my expectations of what we would do.
5 And so that's -- I'm really pleased with that.

6 A couple of other things, road issues, all
7 the paving that we intended to have done, I think is
8 done at this point. Billy and his team are putting
9 down reflectors on the road to get us through our
10 winter fog and evenings. And so the roads, at least
11 the ones I drove on, look pretty good in Dade
12 County. So if you're happy with what you're seeing,
13 please tell our road crew because they've done a
14 great job.

15 Two things about events coming up, the
16 festival this weekend up in New Salem. It's their
17 arts and crafts festival. It's great. So please go
18 up to New Salem and enjoy the music and food and
19 spend some money. It's important to them in terms
20 of what they try to do in their community.

21 The other thing is you've probably seen an
22 article in the paper about Tree City trying to put
23 together a plan to replant the lost trees in our
24 community. They're having a concert on October
25 15th, a fundraiser. And so they've ordered

1 literally thousands of trees, some are seedlings,
2 some will be this tall depending on what the trees
3 are like. And we hope that that will make a
4 difference to the look of the community with a lot
5 of trees we've lost. So if you can support that
6 concert on October 15th over in Jenkins Park, please
7 do so.

8 The only other thing I want to say about
9 our trees is that the Forestry Commission got ahold
10 of me last week, or maybe the week before, and
11 there's a grant that Home Depot has transferred some
12 money to help the communities up here in northwest
13 Georgia as a result of tornado in planting some
14 trees. And so they found some money for Ringgold
15 and for Dade County and some other communities. And
16 I'm hopeful as a result of the Home Depot grant --
17 they turned me down when I applied, but I guess
18 somebody else had bigger pull so that we could,
19 hopefully, included. We'll be able to plant about
20 eight trees out there in Veteran's Park assuming
21 that that goes forward and a couple around the edge
22 of the courthouse and down on Crabtree Street if we
23 can make that happen. A couple over at the park on
24 the creek and maybe one over at the civic center.
25 About 18 trees. And these are not going to be

1 small. They're about \$125 a piece in terms of -- so
2 I'm hoping that that process carries through and we,
3 in fact, we'll see some new trees in our community
4 soon. That's all I have.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Peter. As
6 Peter said, don't forget the program out on the
7 mountain at New Salem and also the actual park --
8 what was the date on that, is it the 15th?

9 MR. CERVELLI: Yeah.

10 MR. RUMLEY: October the 15th and
11 they've got several people that's going to perform
12 there, but one in particular is a person -- I don't
13 know if you've ever heard him play. He's a famous,
14 very famous, person that lives in Dade County. It's
15 Norman Blake. And he'll be playing, I think,
16 between 3:30 and 4:00 or 4:00, 4:30, but, you know,
17 if you can really make it there, it will be a treat
18 for you. A lot of people pay a tremendous amount of
19 money to see Normal Blake over the United States and
20 over the world. He's actually played Carnegie Hall
21 and so try to remember to be there. And I'm not
22 sure how they're charging. I don't know whether
23 they're going to pass a bucket around, but, you
24 know, he's an amazing person -- actually acoustical
25 guitar.

1 Most of my time this month, a lot of it,
2 was spent winding up our regional transportation
3 plan in meetings in Rome, Calhoun, Dalton, and
4 Cartersville. And what this means to Dade County or
5 my part of it anyway, out of fifteen counties there
6 were five people chosen to represent the split
7 counties, which I had Dade, Walker and Catoosa to
8 actually present their plans, their projects and our
9 projects and we actually -- it took several months
10 to do this, but we came to an agreement.

11 We had our final meeting week before last
12 and we -- the fifteen counties in our region, which
13 is north of Atlanta, we now agree to have this put
14 on a ballot. And what that means is in 2012, the
15 actual presidential election, November election, it
16 will be on the ballot to vote. And it will be
17 actually a one cent tax similar to a SPLOST except
18 this will be a statewide tax and we'll have
19 approximately 800,000 plus dollars that will come
20 back in just directly into Dade County that we can
21 spend on our roads and bridges and our road
22 maintenance, which is something we've never had. I
23 mean, this is really big.

24 And also in that transportation plan, our
25 project that we presented was an interchange north

1 of here, north of Trenton, and that will not just be
2 a cost on a 30-year list. It will actually be a
3 reality. And in five years from that time that
4 project will be started. It will be really big for
5 Dade County if it passes and, of course, that's up
6 to the voters. But it could be -- I mean, this is
7 even -- you know, we're talking about our revenue
8 and we're talking about, you know, having money in
9 reserve and this and that. This is actually -- we
10 could take the money we budget on our roads, take
11 this money and put it, you know, partially and put
12 it in reserve. And actually it will help us get
13 back on our feet, big time. So we'll be talking a
14 lot about that between now and 2012. I think you'll
15 hear a lot about it. There will be a lot about it
16 in the paper. But it was unanimously approved to
17 put on the ballot in all 15 counties.

18 We have finished the chipping of our
19 roads. We've got two more small short roads, I
20 think, that Billy and I talked about yesterday.
21 We're going to have to -- they're going to be --
22 after this winter we'll probably get those taken
23 care of.

24 Spent quite a bit of time this month,
25 Alex, myself and the sheriff pertaining to this jail

1 kitchen. You keep hearing us talk about this.
2 Well, it's becoming a reality. We're on a roll on
3 this thing. We're going to get this thing going and
4 get it up and running hopefully by January. That's
5 a tremendous savings. It will cut our food to our
6 prisoners in half. So that's a big issue.

7 I want to remind all of you also, you
8 know, the football game tomorrow night. You know,
9 it is our homecoming football game and if you can,
10 try to get out and support our people. It means a
11 lot to see the stands full especially on a
12 homecoming game.

13 And Robert touched on Rich back there.
14 Appreciate Rich and what you're doing. You're doing
15 a good job over there. I hear praises and that's --
16 you're really -- the whole group -- and I say the
17 lady grin back there. She's texting. We appreciate
18 Ms. Brown, too, you know, and Ms. Black. Ms. Brown
19 and Ms. Black, I hadn't thought about that. But
20 anyway, y'all are doing a good job and we do
21 appreciate that.

22 Anybody got any other comments, any
23 announcements, since I've been talking you want to
24 make or anything?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Let's root for the

1 chain gang tomorrow night.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Robert's our -- he's
3 been carrying the chain for many years. It's kind
4 of a tradition. If you go to the game, you'll see
5 Rober Goff over there. He'll be on the opposite
6 side.

7 MR. SMITH: Tomorrow between two and
8 five they're also opening -- dedicating, opening --
9 the new park trails.

10 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

11 MR. SMITH: That's the trails out
12 at --

13 MR. RUMLEY: That's right.

14 MR. SMITH: -- Cloudland Canyon.

15 MR. RUMLEY: That's also --

16 MR. SMITH: (Inaudible).

17 MR. RUMLEY: -- (inaudible) Road.

18 Yeah.

19 MR. SMITH: And I don't remember how
20 many miles, but it's several of bike and hiking
21 trails. Like I say, they're dedicating, showcasing
22 or whatever, tomorrow from two to five up there if
23 you wish to go see. If you feel like hiking.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Well, you can go and
25 support it anyway. We went to --

1 MR. CERVELLI: -- (inaudible) trails
2 right behind my house.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. It was nice.
4 They had a good presentation on the trail. Another
5 thing I'd like to mention too is that, you know, we
6 had a person that passed away, Gary Gaddis. He's at
7 the funeral at Ryan's down there. He's a person a
8 lot of you in the county I know know. And he's Bill
9 Gaddis's brother and also Benny Gaddis. So I just
10 want everybody to keep them in their prayers. Gary,
11 I've known him every since I was old enough to know
12 anybody. I mean, Dade County. He's a character.
13 He's a good person. Just keep that family in your
14 prayers.

15 Anything else you want to touch on
16 tonight? Okay. Debbie, you want to come up?
17 Debbie Tinker, she's with our chamber.

18 MS. TINKER: I come over here quite a
19 few times and asked Ted for permission to take
20 pictures of the courthouse, the depot, even took
21 pictures of Robin Rogers' house before the fact and
22 then got his permission. But Randall Franks has
23 been hired by Northwest Georgia Joint Development to
24 be the liaison between the movie industry and the
25 county. And whenever they have a request for a

1 certain location, he calls the chamber and we go out
2 and take the pictures. And we are designated a
3 camera ready community with the Georgia Department
4 of Economic Development. So that is for y'all.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Does a check come with
6 it or anything?

7 MS. TINKER: No, no. But we got you
8 a frame.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Just thought I'd ask.
10 It's an honor. Because when we were in Atlanta
11 yesterday -- as Robert had mentioned we've been to
12 Atlanta the last couple of days, but that was one of
13 the topics in the state of Georgia --

14 MS. TINKER: Well, Randall Franks is
15 working very hard --

16 MR. RUMLEY: -- (inaudible) last ten
17 years --

18 MR. CERVELLI: They're building a
19 brand new studio down there. The movie industry and
20 the television industry is a big deal. So if they
21 pick us, we could make some money.

22 MS. TINKER: And (inaudible) got an
23 e-mail from CBS the other day. They're going to be
24 giving him a description of the type family, a
25 casting call, that they'd like to get from around

1 this area of a -- not divorce --

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's just a
3 featured family, you know, show based on something
4 similar to the Brady Bunch.

5 MS. TINKER: Oh, two families that
6 have joined together and how they do now in a real
7 life series. So this should be interesting. But
8 anyway, and we have been working on the work ready
9 designation for a long time. And I was at a
10 multi-community team leaders meeting last week. We
11 do have our certificates now. And we do actually
12 have our graduation rate and we are waiting for the
13 State to pull that because they have us half a
14 percentage less than what's required to be
15 designated work ready. But our 2012 graduation rate
16 has us there. So hopefully that will be coming up
17 and as soon as we get that designation, then we
18 start working on our recertification, which has to
19 be kept up, but we will only be required to get a
20 third of the same testing and everything done.

21 Y'all have most of this in y'all's
22 packets, but I did want to make some announcements.
23 Y'all notice that Ingle's shopping center, slowly
24 but surely things are coming back together. Ingels
25 is back there and been there for a while now, and

1 Curves has just moved back in. The Factory
2 Connection will be opening this Saturday and they're
3 going to be having registration for a \$200 shopping
4 spree. Also on Saturday, Triple H Farms and Meat
5 Company will be having an open house, and this is up
6 on Lookout Mountain, from twelve to six. I did talk
7 to Mr. Solof (phonetic), they are dividing the old
8 CVS store into two properties and those should be
9 ready by next Wednesday and available for anyone
10 interested in moving in. The library, the Chamber,
11 and the Downtown Development are working with other
12 organizations, and we will be having the trick or
13 treat on the square on October the 29th. And quite
14 a few other activities are happening, but y'all are
15 asking about the Tree City event, and the
16 information that they have given us it is -- the
17 event is free and open to the public and they're
18 hoping people will come out for the trees.

19 MR. RUMLEY: And tell them about the
20 tent decoration that library is kind of helping with
21 y'all. I mean, it's the 29th, isn't it?

22 MS. TINKER: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: That night.

24 MS. TINKER: We're hunting
25 organizations, businesses, organizations, anyone

1 that would like to decorate a tent and hand out
2 candy to the children. There's going to be
3 approximately five to six hundred children go
4 through and at each tent there will be a bucket for
5 donations. And the tent that gets the most
6 donation, then those donations will -- they will win
7 a prize of approximately \$50 for the charity of
8 their choice or a nonprofit. And also each
9 nonprofit or business -- well, if it's a business,
10 they have to list (inaudible). But all monies that
11 are raised that evening will go to nonprofits and
12 (inaudible). So I think that will be real nice.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Yes.

14 MS. TINKER: And I think there's
15 already ten, I think, registered and I know of one
16 or two more that said tonight they would. And then
17 the Downtown Development, we have the scarecrows
18 again. And we're trying to get organizations and
19 businesses to do those. And still looking for
20 pumpkins because there is a big shortage of those
21 this year.

22 MR. CERVELLI: Rich, find us some
23 pumpkins. We can't find any.

24 MS. BROWN: Glass Farms or the -- if
25 you go up -- there's another place on Sand Mountain

1 like it's over in Alabama, but they have a lot of
2 pumpkins. I pass it every day on my way to school.

3 MR. RUMLEY: We're looking for whole
4 sale pumpkins, not retail pumpkins.

5 MS. BROWN: Yeah, I know.
6 (inaudible) up at Glass Farm, he'll get them for you
7 wholesale. He gets stuff for us wholesale. I'll
8 talk to you after the meeting.

9 MS. TINKER: And I (inaudible) up
10 there, because they were meeting right now. That's
11 the reason I was going to go ahead and give my
12 report so I could go up there.

13 MR. RUMLEY: No. You told me you
14 didn't want to --

15 MS. TINKER: And I wanted to watch
16 the parade too.

17 MR. RUMLEY: See, that's why.

18 MS. TINKER: Okay. Thank y'all.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Good
20 job. Okay. Mr. Townsend, our monthly financial
21 report presented by Don Townsend.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: The county offices as
23 of September 31st has in the general \$510,787. U.S.
24 Treasury, \$283. Sheriff's fund, \$1,483. Drug abuse
25 education, \$91,899. Supplemental juvenile service,

1 \$19,762. Victim assistance fund, \$1,624. Jail
2 fund, \$18,361. Federal asset fund, Department of
3 Justice, \$3,658. Payroll account, \$31,086. The old
4 principal and interest SPLOST is \$145,690. The new
5 2009 SPLOST projects account has a balance of
6 \$236,829. Proceeds, \$1,256,227. Construction
7 account balance remaining is \$19,079. We will be,
8 like I said, paying the bond payment here just
9 within about a week, which will pretty much take out
10 most of the proceeds that come to a little over \$1.2
11 million. The next report in there is the project
12 variance report for the areas that we're currently
13 looking at under the August 31st. Right past that I
14 do have a couple other financial statements
15 highlighted as of June 30, 2011. We won't go back
16 through that again, but I just wanted to let you
17 know that that's where that's located and it has the
18 two-page summary of the income statement and balance
19 sheet for you to review along with the project
20 variance report ending June 30, 2011. Following
21 that report we have financial statement of July 31.
22 You think, well, why do I have that. Well, as of
23 last month the regular meeting fell on the first so
24 we didn't have this data available for you. So I
25 wanted to provide it for you tonight to review. And

1 in July we collected \$545,909 actual and then
2 expensed \$952,410. Again, the majority of that
3 being in public works or the expenses associated
4 with the debris management. So that did give us a
5 shortage of \$406,500 based on -- subtracting from
6 the revenues for that much. So we ran a shortage
7 unfortunately. With 8.3 percent attained the
8 revenues attained was 6.1 percent and expenses
9 attained were 10.6 percent. And then the final
10 report is the as of August 31, 2011. Actual for the
11 month is \$421,530. Expense for August was \$936,339.
12 Again, we had more BTS bills that we paid, public
13 works causing that shortfall. And the revenues less
14 expense for August was \$514,808 short. Revenues
15 less expenses year to date was \$121,309 short.
16 Sounds like I'm saying short a lot, but until we get
17 some money. We have to pay the bills in order to
18 get checks back and so we unfortunately just have to
19 do that one at a time right now. We're just
20 starting property tax season. And the bills I
21 understand the (inaudible) have an issues. So we
22 should begin seeing some revenue from that.

23 MR. CERVELLI: Don, if you take the
24 FEMA expenses out, there's a \$700,000 swing.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

1 MR. CERVELLI: You know, if we were
2 just doing normal, we would be \$700,000 to the
3 better, but (inaudible), disaster relief expenses, I
4 should say.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: So the following
6 report after that is without FEMA related expenses
7 for you to review when you have an opportunity. And
8 revenue attained without those expenses, the budget
9 attained was 16.67 percent. Revenues was at 10.83
10 percent. And expenses was 13.39 percent. There's a
11 report in here following that Alex provides to me
12 and I've provided it to you. And you can get with
13 Alex about how to read that. It is very detailed
14 and it has -- I mean, just a ton of detail in it.
15 But it's basically every penny, documented expense
16 for the federal declaration -- (inaudible)
17 declaration. It's in here. So if you have an
18 opportunity to look at that. Then after that is
19 just our regular monthly investment. Security
20 pledged at both banks. I try to give that to you
21 quarterly. And both banks found their pledge to
22 sufficient (inaudible).

23 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions for
24 Don? Any corrections? Okay. If not, I'll
25 entertain a motion to approve our financial report

1 as put in by Don Townsend.

2 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion.

4 Do I hear a second.

5 MR. PITTMAN: Okay. Thank you. Call
6 the vote. Mr. Cervelli?

7 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

9 MR. GOFF: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

13 MR. SMITH: Yes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes. Robin,
15 we talked to him. He had to leave. On the consent
16 agenda, Don, if you'll go over that and put a motion
17 for the consent agenda.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: On the consent agenda
19 tonight for the approval of the agenda, the approval
20 of previous meeting minutes, review of the Employee
21 Headcount Report, approval the SPLOST purchase for
22 the ambulance match of grant at \$17,863.13. The
23 actual expense to SPLOST \$17,863.13. The budger
24 resolution for fiscal year 2011, amending the budget
25 under Resolution R-29-11. Resolution fiscal year

1 2011 budget amendment, resolution R-29-11. I may
2 have got that backwards. The first one was R-28-11
3 the second one is R-29-11. Agreement for a ground
4 lease for the Georgia Forestry Commission for
5 construction of new headquarters to be located here
6 in Trenton. Agreement for federal grant, Section
7 5311, Federal Transit Authority with transportation
8 obtained for capital improvement assistance for
9 computers and software and expenses for that,
10 \$4,000, (inaudible). Agreement for a lease
11 agreement with Georgia Department of Juvenile
12 Justice. Agreement with the NRCS-USDA Emergency
13 Watershed Protection Program (68-4310-12-44).
14 Agreement transfer for bids to request for proposal
15 for a fixed assets between Dade County. And the
16 request for proposal for the Dade County EMI 911.
17 County agreement with Walker County request for
18 proposal. And I didn't know if you wanted it put on
19 the consent agenda for the committee or not.

20 MR. RUMLEY: Go ahead. We've talked
21 about and it would be good to do it.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. And for the
23 creation of a committee for the Dade County Medical
24 Services to discuss (inaudible) contract request a
25 proposal to be consisting of Ted Rumley, Mitchell

1 Smith, Patrick Cannon and Alex Case, Tommy Lawson.
2 That concludes the consent agenda.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Any questions or
4 corrections pertaining to the consent agenda?
5 Reading the minutes of the September 2011 meeting,
6 the (inaudible) will not be required since all the
7 commissioners have been furnished copies in advance.
8 The minutes are of public record and available for
9 you in the county (inaudible) office. The minutes
10 are included in our consent agenda. If you have no
11 changes or any questions on the consent agenda, I
12 will entertain a motion to approve our consent
13 agenda as presented by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a
14 motion?

15 MR. GOFF: I so move.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. You so move.
17 Okay. Do I hear a so move second?

18 MR. CERVELLI: Second.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I do have a
20 second. Call the vote. Mr. Cervelli?

21 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

23 MR. GOFF: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

25 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

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MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

Thank you very much. Okay. Anyone want to come up and talk to us. I know one fellow that's already asked. Come on up. I heard you back there. You i thought you were asleep, but --

MR. MARSHALL: No, I wasn't. You did a good job because you kept me awake. I usually if I sit down for a few minutes I go to sleep.

MR. RUMLEY: Come up and tell people who you are, Bill Marshall and --

1 MR. MARSHALL: I'm Bill Marshall,
2 yeah. And I've been here a while. I've been in
3 town for about 25, 30 years now. And I've been
4 involved in a lot of things. And as I cleared out
5 my office, I've found things I'd forgot I was
6 involved in. But it's been good. And I wanted to
7 come up tonight to give my thanks to the ambulance
8 service and ask you to continue to support them
9 because December a year ago when I first got into
10 the mucous problem, I had doctors trying all kind of
11 things with me. Couldn't do anything about it
12 because I had my head operated on ten years ago.
13 And the mixture of that, you just can't do all the
14 things you need to do. But they did get me
15 dehydrated. When I went down to see Dr. Shibe
16 (phonetic), he couldn't do a thing about it. He
17 called an ambulance. The ambulance took me to the
18 hospital. On that trip we had a drive and we had an
19 assistant. That assistant gave me fluids all the
20 way to the hospital. By the time I got to the
21 hospital, I felt great. I wanted to get out and
22 come back home, but they kept me three days for
23 \$12,000 I think it was. They didn't do much.

24 MR. RUMLEY: That's a bargain.

25 MR. MARSHALL: Oh, they wanted to

1 X-ray my head one time and I said, you don't have to
2 do that. I can tell you exactly what's up there
3 because UAB in Birmingham changed everything around
4 when they took my pituitary out ten years ago. Good
5 news to that is that I've now got an appointment to
6 go back to UAB the 25th of this month. And I'm
7 hoping the people that rearranged my head can now
8 determine what you do about the mucous situation
9 when you do that. So I hope I find a solution
10 there. But I've been out of commission for awhile
11 anyway. And I appreciate being here tonight.
12 That's kept me awake. You've got a lot of
13 information.

14 I was excited about seeing the United Way.
15 I didn't know they were going to be here. I got to
16 say hello to them. I was on that board several
17 years ago. And saw the one guy. He remembered that
18 I took -- I got them to send the first money up to
19 the Food Bank on Sand Mountain. And I also got the
20 health department, what is that called, Primary
21 Healthcare on it also. So I got the two main ones
22 in Dade County on United Way. So that's a good
23 feeling. It kind of proved I did do some things
24 while I was here. That's the only two things I had
25 done. I could have listed a lot of other things.

1 But I thank you for let me say that. And I
2 appreciate what you're doing.

3 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate all you've
4 done for the county.

5 MR. MARSHALL: I'm glad to see that I
6 can stay awake.

7 MR. RUMLEY: I had my flip with me.
8 I was fixing to pop you if you went to asleep. I
9 was watching.

10 MR. MARSHALL: It's been good for me
11 really, I think. I've still got the mucous going.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Hopefully not many
13 people eating supper right now. We do appreciate
14 you, Bill Marshall.

15 MR. MARSHALL: Thank you. I
16 appreciate being here. Thank you.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Painter?

18 MR. CERVELLI: You want to say
19 something?

20 MR. RUMLEY: I'm going to put you on
21 the spot. Come up here. We've got a person here
22 tonight, he's actually -- I think you officially
23 announced this, have you not?

24 MR. PAINTER: Not very formal.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we need to be

1 vocal. If you're going to be vocal, be vocal.

2 MR. PAINTER: Sure.

3 MR. RUMLEY: This is the time, so.

4 MR. PAINTER: I wasn't expecting to
5 speak tonight.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Well, I just want people
7 to see who you are and see your face. Can you tell
8 them what you're doing?

9 MR. PAINTER: Oh, sure. Peter wanted
10 me to keep it to two and a half hours. I'll try to
11 keep it to two and a half minutes. If there's any
12 media in the room, I'll be happy to talk with you
13 after the meeting. But my name is Alan Painter.
14 And it's A-L-A-N. To keep my 81 year old mom happy.
15 And I am going to be running for Martin Scott's
16 slot, which is now House District 1 (inaudible).
17 It's been great to kind of renew a lot of
18 friendships tonight. And I appreciate Ted giving me
19 a chance to introduce myself. We're still months
20 out and so I fully expect to have a good
21 conversation with a lot of good folks. Not only in
22 Dade County, which has been, you know, kept whole as
23 far as redistricting is concerned, but over in
24 Walker County as well and so I won't take up anymore
25 time. I appreciate --

1 MR. CERVELLI: Tell them where you're
2 from so they know. It's important here to know
3 where you're from.

4 MR. PAINTER: Okay. My great
5 granddaddy came to Dade County --

6 MR. CERVELLI: You don't have to go
7 that far.

8 MR. PAINTER: Almost 100 years ago up
9 in the Lookout Mountain area and then my family has
10 settled in the Chattanooga Valley area and my son is
11 the fifth generation. We own nearly 100 acres over
12 in the -- it's kind of the southern terminus of
13 Missionary Ridge between Chickamauga and Chattanooga
14 Valley. And so I do embrace a lot of agriculture.
15 You know, our economy is -- from a national
16 perspective is looking at a huge transformational
17 change, whether you send me down to Atlanta or
18 someone else. One little tidbit then I'll hush, one
19 of the things that I have read is our national
20 economy as far as the interest coming in '12, just
21 the interest payments alone will surpass what we're
22 paying for the Department of Defense in '12. So I
23 know things are tough as far as reading in the
24 papers of the furloughs of the hard working folks
25 that Dade County is having to take and has took.

1 And, you know, I don't know how things are going to
2 unfold over the next, you know, 18 to 2 years, but I
3 don't think it's going to be anything like we've
4 experienced over the last 10 years. If there's any
5 media in the room, I'll be happy to talk to y'all
6 one on one.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Appreciate you.
8 Appreciate you coming over. Anyone else want to
9 talk to us tonight?

10 MS. PAGE: I always want to talk.

11 MR. RUMLEY: I know. I know. Come
12 on up. You're welcome. Come on up here where
13 the --

14 MS. PAGE: Can't I just stay here?

15 MR. RUMLEY: -- camera can see you.
16 We're on live.

17 MS. PAGE: That's okay.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Live Dade County.

19 MS. PAGE: I'm Becky Page. I'm with
20 Dade First Family Connection, but I'm changing hats
21 for a moment. And that is that I served on the Dade
22 Organization Accident and Disaster, which is our
23 long-term recovery group to help folks who have lost
24 or have had damage to their homes during the course
25 of a tornado and after. So we have a team that will

1 be coming in to build. In order for them to build,
2 they have to have a foundation done and then they
3 have to have building materials. Some families have
4 enough SPLOST money to -- not to cover it, but to
5 make a dent in the cost of the materials. Others
6 have none because they didn't qualify for FEMA or
7 else maybe they have spent it on rent until they can
8 get some place stable. So anyway, we have a big
9 task ahead of us to raise funds to help folks build
10 and then to raise funds to continue to help those
11 who need roofs, and septic tanks, and all these
12 different entities that have to be addressed, these
13 different issues. So I just wanted to let you guys
14 know where we are. And we have a board. We are
15 incorporated. We're in the process of getting our
16 51C3 filed. We hope that this is a group that will
17 stay intact. We hope there will be another
18 disaster. I can't thank first responders enough for
19 the job you did and you guys for supporting this
20 effort. People have forgotten about the tornado.
21 You know, it happened April 27th and after about two
22 weeks people think it's all over and done with. And
23 they don't see the daily issues that these families
24 are still dealing with. I mean, some of it's
25 emotional trauma. Some of it's physical trauma.

1 And some of it is, of course, you know, you loose
2 your house and that's devastating. So if you have
3 any questions, feel free to e-mail me or call me or
4 talk to me. I can give you the names of the rest of
5 the board and then we have a disaster relief
6 meeting. I do want to share that it has been so
7 remarkable the outpouring of love and dedication of
8 this community. And it has been noted by other
9 communities outside our county. The churches didn't
10 exactly know what they were doing, but they banded
11 together and it worked. And on this board we have a
12 variety of denominations. Denomination doesn't play
13 a part. We're here to help. And we do have just a
14 tip of Jackson County where all those homes were
15 destroyed (inaudible) because they come through and
16 support our city and our county. They buy our gas.
17 They buy their groceries. I know. I used to be a
18 Jackson County person. So that's in our mission
19 statement that we also help some of those families
20 as well. We have people that are on the board that
21 are from those areas and they are also working with
22 the Alabama one (inaudible). So again --

1 Another thing, I'll put back on my
2 (inaudible) Becky hat. We have our planning meeting
3 to set our five-year strategic plan on October 27th
4 from nine to two at the American Legion building.
5 We'd love any and all of you to come especially
6 those of you working with 4-H and young people
7 because as you know Family Connection deals
8 (inaudible) children. That's my story and I'll
9 stick to. And --

1 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Thank you.
2 Anyone else want to come up and talk to us tonight?
3 I thought you were breaking -- getting -- you scared
4 me there.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I was (inaudible)
6 button.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Any commissioners got
8 anything, any comments you want to make?

9 MR. GOFF: No.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Anything else? Okay.
11 If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 MR. CERVELLI: Motion to adjourn.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. All in favor.
14 Aye.

15 MR. SMITH: Aye.

16 MR. CERVELLI: Aye.

17 MR. PITTMAN: Aye.

18 MR. GOFF: Aye.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank y'all for
20 being here. Get you some food or doughnuts for when
21 you leave. Thank you so much.

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